

Appl. No. 09/770,528
Amdt. dated August 18, 2006
Reply to Office action of April 20, 2006

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REMARKS

Claims 7-9 and 20-25 are pending. Claims 7-9 and 20-24 are allowable. Claim 25 is cancelled, without prejudice. Claim 26 is new. Support new claim 26 can be found, e.g., in Claim 25 as previously filed, and in the Sequence Listing.

Applicants believe that no new matter is added by way of amendment.

I. Objection to Claim 25.

The Examiner objected to Claim 25 as not being in compliance with sequence rules. Specifically, the sequences recited in this claim are not accompanied by the required sequence identifier. Claim 25 is canceled and the rejection is therefore moot as to this claim. New Claim 26 incorporates the proper sequence identifiers, and as such, Applicants submit that this objection is overcome. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph.

The Examiner rejected Claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In particular, the Examiner found typographical errors in the amino acids listed in this claim. Claim 25 is canceled, and the rejection is therefore moot as to this claim. New Claim 26 lists the positions of the amino acids of old Claim 25.

Applicants believe that the basis of this rejection is overcome by the above amendment. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants' current response is believed to be a complete reply to all the outstanding issues of the latest Office action. Further, the present response is a bona fide effort to place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and passage of the amended claims to allowance at the earliest possible convenience.

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Applicant believes that no additional fees are due with this communication.
Should this not be the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any
charges or refund any overpayments to DNAX Deposit Account No. 04-1239.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic conference would aid the prosecution
of this case in any way, please call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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